



Coach Trips from London Ltd

The old world charm of the Cinque Ports

Wednesday 29 April 2026 for 3 days

Coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd of North Wembley

One of the prestigious appointments held by the late Queen Mother was that of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and her official residence was **Walmer Castle** overlooking the sea at Deal in Kent. This ancient Tudor fortress has been transformed through the centuries into an elegant stately home and every year the Queen Mother enjoyed staying here. Some of the rooms she used are now open to visitors at this English Heritage property. The gardens here are very fine as are the celebrated gardens at **Great Dixter** near Northam which we shall also visit. This short break has other delights not least the medieval hilltop town of **Rye**, **Royal Tunbridge Wells**, **Sandwich** and **Smallhythe Place** once the home of the acclaimed actress Dame Ellen Terry, the great aunt of Sir John Gielgud. We shall be staying for 2 nights near Rye at the **Flackley Ash Hotel** which offers very high standards and a touch of luxury.

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Day 1 (Wednesday) We shall depart West London (Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Northolt, Hillingdon etc) and travel south eastwards into Kent. Following a break for **coffee** we shall take you to **Royal Tunbridge Wells** where you will be able to visit *the Pantiles*, a Georgian colonnade with shops, and the ornate **Opera House**. The latter is now a Wetherspoons but operatic performances still take place here once a year. You could obtain lunch here if you wish. Then via the scenic Weald of Kent and its charming villages to **Smallhythe Place** near Tenterden, formerly the home of the celebrated actress **Dame Ellen Terry**. The house is full of her possessions including costumes she wore on stage. **Dinner** and a 2-night stay at the **Flackley Ash Hotel** near Rye.

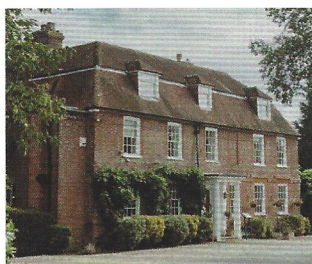
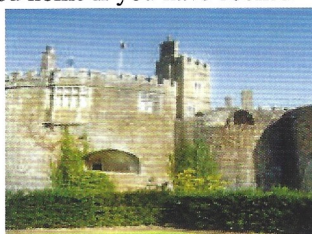
Day 2 (Thursday) After breakfast we shall drive towards Romney Marsh to experience the unusual landscape of **Dungeness (coffee stop)**. Later we shall pass through Hythe with its sea views to arrive at medieval **Sandwich** and then **Walmer Castle** (English Heritage) at Deal. The Warden of the Cinque Ports has an apartment here - previous occupants include the Duke of Wellington and Sir Winston Churchill. **Dinner** at the Flackley Ash Hotel.

Day 3 (Friday) Our final day will see us travelling to the charming hilltop town of **Rye**. You will have time here at leisure to explore its quaint narrow streets, visit the church if you wish and obtain a light lunch in one of its cafes or ancient pubs. Afternoon visit to **Great Dixter**, one of England's finest privately owned gardens, made famous by Christopher Lloyd. Finally today we shall have **Dinner** at 6.30pm at **Da Remo's** in **Denham Village**. Subsequently our Bessway coach will rendezvous at Hillingdon Station with 7-seater licensed cars, one of which will take you home if you have booked our home pick-up service. Otherwise our coach will set down in Yeading, Northolt, Greenford, Hanwell, Ealing, Acton and Perivale to conclude our tour.

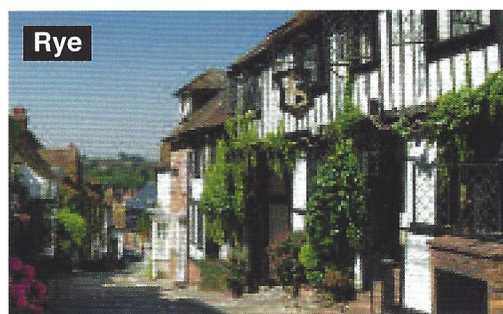
NB: There is a small additional charge for our **home pick-up service** currently £8.50 per person each way. If you require this service please tell us when you book your place on this tour.

How to Book

A deposit of **£90 per person** will secure your place on this tour. Please send your deposit cheque (made payable to **Coach Trips from London Ltd**) to Graham Jenkins at **2 Wood End Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 4QH** or phone Graham on **020 8422 2751** to pay your deposit by debit card or credit card. As with all of our tours the balance payment falls due eight weeks prior to departure.



*Pictured above:
the Flackley Ash Hotel*



Please read the booking conditions that apply to all of our tours.

Left: Walmer Castle.

Right: Great Dixter



This is what the tour price of £695 includes:

- ❖ Travel throughout the tour in a comfortable modern coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd.
- ❖ Two nights' Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.
- ❖ Entry fees at places of interest visited by our group as a whole.
- ❖ Morning coffee on Day 1 as well as dinner in Denham travelling homewards on Day 3.
- ❖ The services of our tour manager throughout.

NOT INCLUDED: lunch on any day nor bar drinks or wine if you order any.

Single Supplement: £95
a double room for sole use